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GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT OUT ON WEDNESDAY
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THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 27), A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

AND COPIES OF THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AFTER IT HAS BEEN TABLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

TO ENSURE THAT THE GREEN PAPER COULD REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONE MILLION CHINESE AND 250 000 ENGLISH COPIES HAD BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION IN ABOUT 300 OUTLETS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AFTER THE GREEN PAPER IS TABLED, A SPECIAL COUNTER WILL BE SET UP ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE AT 5 PM TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES.

THE GREEN PAPER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES, PUBLIC SERVICE COUNTERS OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND THE TREASURY, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE.

TO ENSURE THAT THE GREEN PAPER COULD REACH THE WIDEST SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY, SEVEN MOBILE TEAMS WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED IN THE FIRST TEN DAYS TO FACILITATE DISTRIBUTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FROM 8 AM TO 7.30 PM DAILY, ONE TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT THE STAR FERRY PIER IN CENTRAL, AND THE OTHER SIX WILL MAKE BLANKET COVERAGE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A PUBLICITY PACKAGE WILL BE LAUNCHED TO COINCIDE WITH THE RELEASE OF THE GREEN PAPER.

THEY INCLUDE A TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN PUBLIC INTEREST), A TV SLIDE AND RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST FROM MAY 28 TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE GREEN PAPER AND TO URGE THEM TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON IT.

TO PROVIDE A CONSTANT REMINDER, POSTERS WITH THE COPY LINE +THE GREEN PAPER YOU NEED TO READ+ WILL BE PUT UP ON THE SAME DAY ON SOME 800 GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THIS WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A POSTER DISPLAY IN MTR AND KCR TRACK SIDES AS WELL AS STATION LOBBIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 1987
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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR APRIL 1987 WERE 108.1 AND 108.3 RESPECTIVELY, REPRESENTING INCREASES OF 5.0 PER CENT AND 4.7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER APRIL 1986, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987 AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS COMPARISON MAY BE AFFECTED BY SEASONAL FACTORS, THE NEW CPI(A) INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT AND THE NEW CPI(B), BY 1.2 PER CENT.

THE AVERAGE NEW CPI(A) AND AVERAGE NEW CPI(B) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED APRIL 1987 WERE 105.2 AND 105.5 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE 3-MONTH PERIOD ENDED APRIL 1987, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NEW CPI(A) AND NEW CPI(B) BOTH INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT PER MONTH.

DURING APRIL, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WERE HIGHER. RENTALS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DWELLINGS, CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, JEWELLERY, TAXI FARES AND FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWN GAS ALSO WENT UP. ON THE OTHER HAND, RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND OTHER FRESH SEA PRODUCTS DECREASED.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND THE NEW CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

THE NEW CPI(A) REFERS TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$2 000 AND \$6 499 A MONTH AT THAT TIME AND THE NEW CPI(B) BETWEEN \$6 500 AND \$9 999 A MONTH.

CHANGES IN THE INDICES FOR APRIL 1987 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, AS COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987 AND APRIL 1986, ARE GIVEN BELOW.

(OCTOBER 1984 TO SEPTEMBER 1985 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	NEW CPI(A)			NEW CPI(B)		
	INDEX FOR APR. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAR. 87	% CHANGE OVER APR. 86	INDEX FOR APR. 87	% CHANGE OVER MAR. 87	% CHANGE OVER APR. 86
FOODSTUFFS	104.7	+1.3	+4.0	105.1	+1.1	+4.0
HOUSING	109.1	+0.5	+4.7	106.9	+0.2	+3.1
FUEL AND LIGHT	92.7	+0.9	-2.8	93.5	+1.2	-2.3

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	116.2	+0.2	+9.7	116.2	+0.3	+9.8
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113.8	+5.7	+5.8	115.6	+6.8	+6.4
DURABLE GOODS	109.5	+0.5	+4.1	108.8	+0.6	+4.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	113.7	+1.1	+10.7	113.5	+1.2	+9.7
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	113.7	+0.4	+7.3	112.4	+0.5	+6.9
SERVICES	114.8	+0.3	+5.9	114.1	+0.4	+5.6
ALL ITEMS	108.1	+1.1	+5.0	108.3	+1.2	+4.7

COMPARED WITH MARCH 1987, THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 1.3 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SHRIMPS, CRABS AND FRESH FRUITS. THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR HOUSING INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER RENTS AND RATES FOR SOME PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND FOR SOME HOUSING SOCIETY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY 0.9 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF THE UPWARD FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT FOR TOWNGAS.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY 5.7 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 6.8 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.6 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) DUE TO HIGHER PRICES OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND VIDEO AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS INCREASED BY 1.1 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 1.2 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES OF JEWELLERY AND FRESH FLOWERS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY 0.4 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(A) AND BY 0.5 PER CENT IN NEW CPI(B), REFLECTING THE FULL EFFECT OF THE RECENT TAXI FARE INCREASE.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR APRIL 1987, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.5 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19/F., WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDICES, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-8235089.

MEANWHILE, THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 110.7 IN APRIL 1987, UP BY 0.9 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1987 AND BY 6.1 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1986. THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT HK\$10 000-24 999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT INSPECTS BUS LANE SCHEME
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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR RICHARD SCURFIELD, THIS (MONDAY) MORNING INSPECTED THE OPERATION OF THE BUS-ONLY LANE IMPLEMENTED TODAY IN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

MR SCURFIELD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, DR STEPHEN TANG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NT EAST INTER-DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON LION ROCK TUNNEL TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, MR CHOY KAN-PUI.

THE BUS LANE, DESIGNED TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF PASSENGERS GOING TO WORK, IS ON THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM WORLDWIDE GARDENS TO THE TOLL PLAZA OF THE TUNNEL. IT WILL BE OPERATING FROM 7.30 AM TO 9 AM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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AT PRESENT, 54 000 PERSONS TRAVEL TO WORK THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL DURING MORNING PEAK HOURS. ABOUT 45 000 RIDERS OR 83 PER CENT OF THEM ARE BUS PASSENGERS.

+THE SCHEME IS THE LATEST MEASURE INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC USING THE TUNNEL. ON THE FIRST DAY OF ITS OPERATION, THE BUS LANE HAS BEEN OPERATING SMOOTHLY. AN INITIAL SURVEY HAS INDICATED THAT BUS JOURNEY TIME HAS BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT TWO MINUTES,+ MR SCURFIELD SAID.

TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF THE SCHEME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND IN THE APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL AND WILL CARRY OUT A REVIEW IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, MR SCURFIELD ADDED.

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SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
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A SEMINAR ON +ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY+ WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 27) AT THE RAYSON HUANG THEATRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE EVENT AIMED AT STIMULATING PUBLIC INTEREST IN DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN HONG KONG FORMS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED).

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL DELIVER THE KEYNOTE SPEECH WHILE CHAIRMAN OF EPCOM, DR DAVID JOHNS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EPCOM'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WORKING GROUP, MR S.L. WAN, WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND THE ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SERVICES IN HONG KONG RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS FOCUSING ON AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION AND RADIATION, WATER AND WASTES MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS AND THE CENTRE OF URBAN STUDIES AND URBAN PLANNING OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS, THE HONG KONG LANDSCAPE GROUP AND THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE SEMINAR WILL LAST FROM 9.45 AM TO 4.30 PM AND INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DIRECT THEIR ENQUIRIES TO 5-740883 EXT. 29.

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO PUT ACROSS FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT UNDER A +GOOD STUDENT, GOOD CITIZEN+ AWARD SCHEME AIMED AT PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG CHUNG-YING SAID THE AWARD SCHEME WAS SET UP WITH SPECIFIC AIMS TO PROMOTE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO PUT ACROSS THE 'FIGHT CRIME' MESSAGE, APART FROM ENCOURAGING THEM TO STUDY HARD.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO INCULCATE ON YOUTH A COMMUNITY SPIRIT SO THAT MUTUAL HELP COULD BE PRACTISED TO COMBAT CRIME.

'BESIDES, THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL ALSO GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICES TO SOCIETY,' HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE SCHEME WAS BEING LAUNCHED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME SCHOLARSHIPS, MR NGAI WAI-MING SAID THEY HOPED UP TO 100 STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT COULD BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME AND EACH WOULD BE AWARDED \$500.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF FORM 2 OR ABOVE. THOSE WITH GOOD ACADEMIC RECORD AND CONDUCT WILL BE CONSIDERED AND PRIORITIES WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACTIVELY TAKEN PART IN SOCIAL SERVICES OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATED WITH FIGHTING CRIME.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN AND STUDENTS SHOULD FIRST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THEIR SCHOOLS. THE WORKING GROUP WILL VET THE APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

MR NGAI STRESSED THAT THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE TO REWARD THE CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS RATHER THAN THE ELITE.

HE ALSO HOPED THE PUBLIC WOULD SUPPORT THE SCHEME SO THAT MORE STUDENTS COULD BENEFIT FROM MORE DONATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES OR THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 31.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8523002 OR 5-8170196.

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WAN CHAI ILLEGAL STRUCTURE FACES DEMOLITION

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO TAKE COURT ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH A WAN CHAI ILLEGAL STRUCTURE.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY IN THE HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT ON JULY 28 FOR A CLOSURE ORDER TO BE MADE ON THE STRUCTURE WHICH IS ON THE MAIN ROOF OVER FLAT F ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF 53, SHIP STREET.

IT HAS DECIDED ON THIS ACTION BECAUSE THE OCCUPANTS OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURE HAVE IGNORED A DEMOLITION ORDER ISSUED IN OCTOBER 1985, MADE UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

THE BUILDING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT IT INTENDED TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSURE ORDER WAS OBTAINED.

A SPOKESMAN SAID NOTICES INFORMING OCCUPANTS THAT AN APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE FOR A CLOSURE ORDER WERE POSTED ON THE STRUCTURE TODAY.

HE SAID IT WAS THE USUAL PRACTICE TO OBTAIN A CLOSURE ORDER FIRST SO THAT DEMOLITION COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DANGER TO THE STRUCTURE'S OCCUPANTS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN SHAU KEI WAN

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO MODIFY NAM HONG STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN IN CONNECTION WITH BUILDING A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 21 000 PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

THE STREET WHICH CROSSES SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE A MAIN VEHICULAR ACCESS FOR THE ESTATE'S SITE FORMATION WORK, AND THE MODIFICATIONS WILL INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF SEVERAL SAFETY FEATURES AND A TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM.

PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS TO PROPERTIES ON THE STREET WILL BE MAINTAINED, EXCEPT THAT THERE WILL BE A 7 AM TO 7 PM NO-STOPPING RESTRICTION ON ALL VEHICLES.

UPON COMPLETION OF SITE FORMATION WORK, THE STREET WILL BE RESURFACED AND THE SAFETY FEATURES REMOVED.

IT WILL THEN BECOME THE ACCESS TO THE NEW ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH SUN SING STREET.

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THE SITE FORMATION WORK WILL NECESSITATE THE CLEARANCE OF SQUATTER AREAS ABOVE NAM HONG STREET AND THE CLOSURE OF TWO FOOTPATHS WHICH LEAD TO PRIVATE LOTS OCCUPIED BY KIK LOK TUNG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY LIMITED. HOWEVER, A TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE FOOTPATHS ARE CLOSED AND A NEW PERMANENT ACCESS BUILT AFTER SITE FORMATION WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO VISIT THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

IN THE EVENTUAL LAYOUT OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE KIK LOK TUNG WILL BE SURROUNDED BY A DISTRICT PARK AND ADDITIONAL ACCESS WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE.

THE SHAU KEI WAN FOOTHILLS (EAST) PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, NOW UNDER PLANNING, WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 5 500 FLATS WHEN COMPLETED IN 1994. IT WILL BE BUILT ON AN ELEVATED SITE TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, ABOVE ALDRICH BAY.

WORK ON FORMING THE SITE IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1991.

NOTICES OF THE PROPOSED WORKS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTION IN WRITING SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ON OR BEFORE JULY 21.

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RECLAMATION WORK AT TUEN MUN
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 12 HECTARES OF LAND TO THE SOUTH OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO MEET FUTURE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

OF THIS AREA, ABOUT 2.2 HECTARES WILL BE FOR A PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA- 2.9 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN USE- 1.8 HECTARES FOR A PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT- AND THE REMAINDER FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES, DISTRICT ROADS AND LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE AREAS.

THE WORK ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE-LONG SEAWALL AND A MAIN STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

FILL MATERIAL FOR THE RECLAMATION WILL BE EXTRACTED FROM AREAS IN YUNG LONG TO THE WEST OF THE TOWN. THEY WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY SEA THROUGH AN EXISTING JETTY IN THE AREA.

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THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JULY AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

SECTIONS OF THE RECLAMATION FOR THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT RESERVE AREAS WILL BE COMPLETED EARLIER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS JUNE 19.

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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR VISITS TOY FACTORY
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, TODAY (MONDAY) CONTINUED HIS VISITING PROGRAMME TO FACTORIES LEARN ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND LABOUR SCENE.

ARRIVING AT THE PLAYMATES INDUSTRIAL CO LTD IN TUEN MUN, MR HAMMOND WAS GREETED AND SHOWN AROUND THE PLANT BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR THOMAS CHAN, AND THE ADMINISTRATION MANAGER, MR JOHN LAW.

THE COMPANY MANUFACTURES DOLLS AND TOY CARS FOR EXPORT MAINLY TO NORTH AMERICA AND EMPLOYS SOME 1 300 WORKERS.

MR HAMMOND WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY PROVIDED VARIOUS WELFARE BENEFITS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES INCLUDING A PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME AND MAINTAINED GOOD LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIP.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE MANAGEMENT TOOK POSITIVE VIEWS TOWARDS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THAT A HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HAD JUST BEEN APPOINTED TO LOOK AFTER STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT.

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MELBOURNE STRINGS IN HONG KONG
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A CONCERT BY THE CHAMBER STRINGS OF MELBOURNE AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL WAS WELL RECEIVED TODAY (MONDAY) BY AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 1 000 STUDENTS.

UNDER ITS CONDUCTOR, MR CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMED POPULAR PIECES INCLUDING VIVALDI'S CONCERTO GROSSO OP. 3 NO. 11 IN D MINOR, MOZART'S DIVERTIMENTO IN D MAJOR, K. 136 AND BROADSTOCK'S EXPEDITION.

AFTER THE CONCERT, THE ORCHESTRA ATTENDED A LUNCH RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

IN A WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, SAID THIS KIND OF INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXCHANGE HAD HELPED IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE PERFORMANCE STANDARD OF YOUNG MUSICIANS.

AT THE RECEPTION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, PRESENTED A CHINESE INSTRUMENT -- ZHONG-HU -- TO THE MELBOURNE STRINGS AS A SOUVENIR.

THE MELBOURNE STRINGS IS NOW IN HONG KONG FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT AND WILL LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA TOMORROW.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL SERVICES ANNOUNCED
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THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (JUNE 1) DURING THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL HOLIDAY, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY).

FORTY-TWO POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON, AND TSUEN WING STREET, SHA TIN CENTRAL AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

DETAILS OF THE 42 POST OFFICES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL POST OFFICES OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071.

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NEW DRAGON BOATS TO BE LAUNCHED IN TAI PO
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TWO NEWLY-BUILT DRAGON BOATS WILL BE LAUNCHED AT A CEREMONY AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO, ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 27).

THE DRAGON BOATS WILL BE USED IN THIS YEAR'S TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY.

THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION RACE BY WINNING TEAMS OF THE LAST YEAR'S RACE.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI, TAI PO AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS
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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WHO ARE OVER 18 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH CHOIR.

+THE CHOIR, OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS WHO LIKE SINGING, IS IN PARTICULAR LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE IN MUSIC THEORY, VOCALISM OR CAN PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PRACTISING HOURS OF THE CHOIR ARE FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM EVERY SUNDAY,+ HE ADDED.

THE CHOIR IS MANAGED BY THE DISTRICT'S ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1983, THE CHOIR HAS PERFORMED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND RECEIVED WARM SUPPORT.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATIONS'S OFFICE AT LEI CHAK HOUSE, AP LEI CHAU ESTATE.

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DRAGON BOAT RACES IN EASTERN DISTRICT
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RESIDENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL CELEBRATE TUEN NG FESTIVAL EARLIER THAN USUAL WITH DRAGON BOAT RACES IN CHAI WAN ON FRIDAY (MAY 29) AND IN SHAU KEI WAN ON SATURDAY.

THE CHAI WAN DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 11.30 AM TO 4.30 PM AT THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

ON SATURDAY, THE SHAU KEI WAN FISHERMEN DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM AT THE WATER COURSE OUTSIDE THE BREAKWATER OF ALDRICH BAY.

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL T.A. BOAM, WILL PRESENT THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE CUP TO THE WINNING TEAM OF THE LARGE BOAT RACES.

A TOTAL OF 18 TEAMS OF LARGE BOATS COMING FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY AND 27 TEAMS OF MEDIUM SIZED BOATS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE RACES TO BE HELD IN BOTH CHAI WAN AND SHAU KEI WAN.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAD SUBSIDISED \$20 000 FOR THE FISHERMEN SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHAI WAN FISHERMEN RECREATION CLUB TO ORGANISE THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL ARRIVE AT THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN (NEXT TO THE OLD CHAI WAN FERRY PIER) AT 3.30 PM ON FRIDAY, WHILE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL T.A. BOAM, WILL ARRIVE AT THE VIP STAND ON BOARD A HYF FERRY NEXT TO THE SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT 3.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

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RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS ITS PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1987/88 TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

AN ALLOCATION OF \$600 000 WAS APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD LAST MONTH FOR ORGANISING SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT. HALF OF THE FUNDS ALLOCATED WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE NINTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT GAMES LEAGUE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 1/F., TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MEETING.

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SWIMMING GALA PRIZE PRESENTATION
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION SHA TIN BRANCH WILL HOLD ITS 9TH INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE SHA TIN ROYAL JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE KWONG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ROGER LAU; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN WING-WAH; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WONG PO-MING AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR KWAN TING-FAI.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER CLOSED AT NIGHT
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THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 27) AND MAY 28 FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GROUND LEVEL WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

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WATER CUTS IN SHAM SHUI PO
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (MAY 28) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MAPLE STREET, SYCAMORE STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 54.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 319.749 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 272.535 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 46.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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